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## SUPPORT GROUP

Counseling Services will offer a support group for students with loved ones in the military. This group will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Counseling Services beginning tonight. For more information, contact Counseling Services at Ext. 8596.

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International meets at 9 p.m. Tuesday on the first floor of the chapel. The group is starting new projects this week. If you are unable to attend but interested in being involved, call 7213.

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## QUICK FACTS

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

March 24, 1989, the oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska and dumped 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound.

March 26, 1953, Dr. Jonas Salk announced a successful test of the polio vaccine. In 1952, 58,000 new U.S. cases were reported.



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JUST A DRILL—Sophomore Jason Lampe is carried out of Hebron Hall after "sustaining injuries" in the disaster drill Tuesday.

## Three 'dead,' others 'injured'

By RACHEL DVORAK  
Production Assistant

The fire in Hebron Hall was most likely the worst disaster in Wartburg's history. Luckily it was just a drill.

The scenario: a student in Hebron left a candle burning in his room. The candle caught a drape on fire, and the "fire" escalated from there. Two students were killed in the blaze and six more were injured. A firefighter also lost his life trying to put out the fire.

John Myers, director of campus security, has been planning the drill since November.

"There is no law or regulation that says we have to do [a drill]," he said. "But there is a law that says we have to have a plan. We've never done a drill before; it's the only way to learn."

Security used a residence hall because it had the highest risk of fire. The date had already been chosen and was not because of a fire at Buena Vista three weeks ago. In that incident, a student left a candle burning, and the resulting fire destroyed a TV and caused smoke damage to the student's room. BV's

director of security came to Wartburg to watch the drill, and BV will be doing the same kind of exercise this summer.

A smoke machine started in Hebron 173 around 3:45 p.m. and eventually set off the fire alarm. It took eight minutes for a student to call security. Myers suspects people may not have called since security was already present, and the situation didn't seem urgent.

"We could have been called sooner," Myers said. "Five minutes could be a lot of time in a real fire."

Security took three minutes to get to Hebron and checked one of the 12 fire alarm panels in Centennial Complex to identify which fire alarm had been set off. A security officer called the fire department and trucks were en route about 15 minutes after the alarm was initially set off.

Firefighters used a thermal imaging camera to locate the students in the building. Paramedics were waiting outside as the injured students were brought out of Hebron. The paramedics then transported the students to the Waverly Municipal Hospital.

"We tried to make it realistic. They were run through the system just like actual patients," said Jay Albaugh, manager of the Waverly ambulance service. The hospital must do two such drills every year.

Since Wartburg has no central fire alarm system, all alarms must be reported to security. The college doesn't have the capabilities to monitor alarm panels for the entire campus, but Myers is looking into other technology that could notify security automatically.

Myers said the first part of the drill was to get security, the police, the fire department and EMS coordinated. The second part was for the college administration to gather information, relocate students if necessary and tell families.

Res life director Pete Armstrong was at the scene to collect information for President Ohle and the cabinet. The college as a whole will also re-evaluate its emergency planning.

"We found out that we were better off than we thought, but we found we need a lot of improvements as well," Myers said.

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## Fall term may begin earlier in the future

By AMY SERFLATEN  
Staff Writer

Proposals are being considered for changes in the 2004-05 academic year schedule.

With the proposed changes, students would start classes prior to Labor Day to allow for a full week for Thanksgiving break. Student Senate's Academic Policies Committee was also asked to look at adjusting the Tuesday/Thursday schedule to allow for lunch between classes.

Senate presented possible solutions to Ferol Menzel, vice president of academic affairs, who then presented them to the Educational Policies Committee.

One suggestion was to move the community time to after what is now the 11 a.m. class. This would allow most students to eat lunch at a reasonable time even if they would have classes scheduled during all periods.

"We had other options, but moving the community time seemed to be the most feasible,"

said junior Becca Andersen, academic ombudsman.

Students had also expressed concern for the need of more time during Thanksgiving break, especially those who have to travel long distances for the holiday.

"We also have a large number of students that have to be back earlier for athletics or student teaching, so this change would move the campus schedule to better match their schedules as well," said Tara Penna, student body president. "On the other

hand, starting earlier also eliminates one more week of summer employment for students, which is a potential drawback to the plan."

These proposals have passed EPC and were passed on to the faculty council.

"Dean Menzel typically asks for input from both the faculty and students regarding the schedule, but ultimately, it is a cabinet decision," Penna said.

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## Letter to the Editor

## To the Editor:

I found the column, "Not what Schneider deserved," to be completely one-sided and ill-informed.

One must collect facts and evidence from both sides of an issue to form an opinion. The article claimed that the circumstances surrounding the resignation of coach Schneider was a "cloud of mystery," or, "sketchy at best." Did the writer even attempt to contact the coach himself, an assistant coach or perhaps a senior player? How can someone base an opinion solely on something he or she heard?

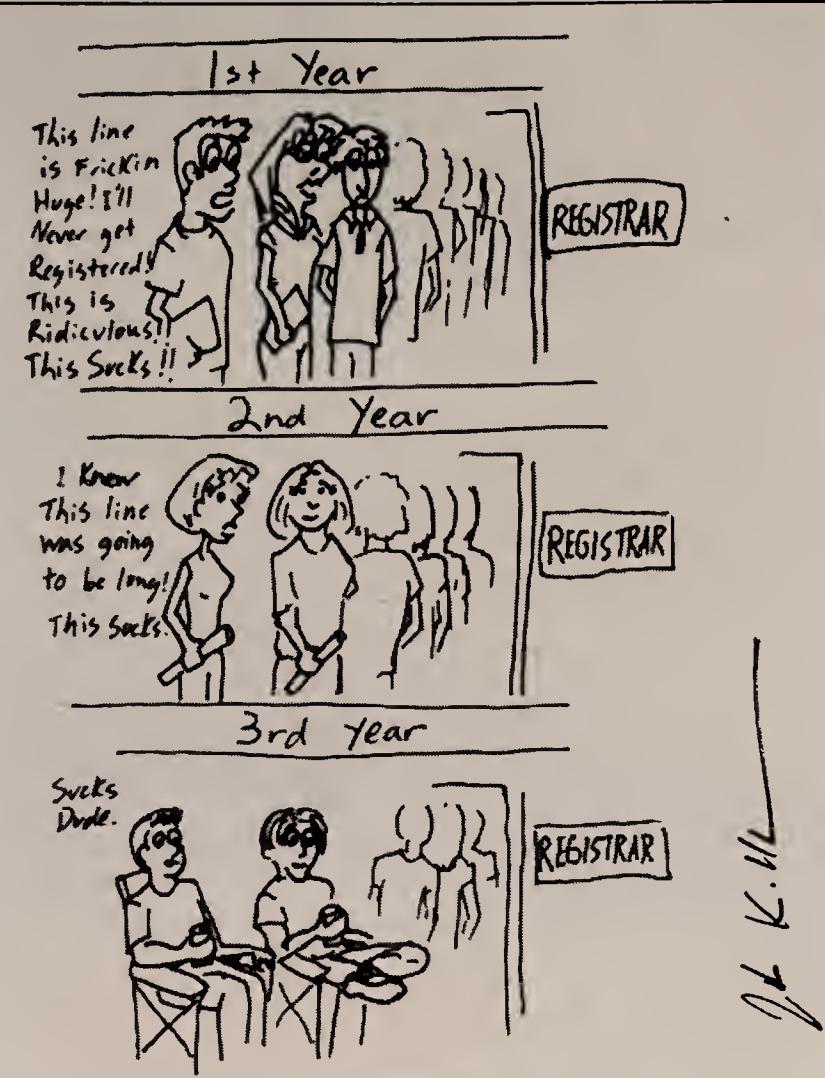
It appears the value of a coach is determined solely by how many games he/she wins or how good the record looks at the end of every year. The only qualities that were listed on Schneider's behalf were the number of wins, tournaments won and his winning percentage. A coach is there to help his or her players to become the best they can be. I am curious to find the author did nothing to list Schneider's personal qualities as a coach, but lists only the black and white issues.

Interestingly enough, the author compared other coaches' actions with those of Schneider. How can a guy like Bobby Knight get away with throwing chairs and choking players still hold a position as a coach? Because he wins games and that's all his school cares about. The author says that if Schneider is winning games, there is absolutely no reason that he should ever be questioned as a coach.

Maybe the author should have taken the time to speak with many of the All-American players that have quit in the past three years. These players grew up loving the sport and played it their entire lives. Isn't it strange that so many girls have left the team after working with Schneider?

Instead of just seeing black and white issues, I encourage people to look deeper into the issues.

Ryan Catterton '03



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## Fast to use hunger as protest

Groups want to 'create a form of solidarity' with Iraqis

By JUSTIN KADER  
Columnist



CNN had two important "counts" to report Saturday.

First, the death count of American and allied troops, which was 16. Second, the count of sabotaged oil fields that Iraqis would rather destroy than let fall into greedy hands.

Clearly America's concerns are not properly prioritized. Oil and casualties do not belong in the same report. In listing allied death counts alongside damaged prospective fields, American lives are equated to the main objective of this war: oil.

In that report for death counts, nothing was mentioned of Iraqi soldiers or civilians. It seems

their lives are not worthy of the American people's time and attention. I agree that they should not have been included in that report, but not because they are not worthy of our time and attention, but rather that they do not deserve to be reduced to numbers and figures. These are human lives.

I applaud students on campus who acknowledge this fact and are doing something about it. A number of students are participating in a fast sponsored by Students for Peace and Justice. These participants include members of Amnesty International and Campus Ministry, who are encouraging all to partake in the fast. The reason for the fast is to ensure that the significance of innocent Iraqi lives is not marginalized by our government's ulterior motives.

The heaviest allied bombings generally take place at night; therefore, the fast will last from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. every night until the bombing stops.

A candlelight vigil will accompany the fast to mourn and respect the lives taken in this war and to pray for peace.

Although the main emphasis of the fast is to create a form of solidarity with the distress of the Iraqi people, participants hope to receive a reimbursement for the dinner meals they will sacrifice. All money received will be donated to the Lutheran World Relief organization, which is providing aid to the war-torn peoples of Iraq.

The benefits of this fast are two-fold. It is an effective means of peaceful protest: an expression of our refusal to support unjust aggression. At the same time, it is a practical method of fund raising for an exemplary humanitarian organization.

This fast should appeal to everyone; even if you support the war, no one supports death.

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## 'I'm proud of my president'

By MATT TOWNSLEY  
Columnist



"Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas," said Dixie Chicks singer Natalie Maines.

Just so you know, Natalie, your record sales have plummeted as a result of your recent comments. It's nice to hear some commentary supporting the war such as the recent misfortune suffered by the lead singer of the Dixie Chicks after her unpatriotic remarks. Even a formal apology has not managed to save the band's image.

While the media continue to carry news of protesters, including those terrorizing personal property of U.S. government officials like Donald Rumsfeld, there are those of us who feel Operation Iraqi Freedom is a legit and nec-

essary maneuver. To some, war seems like a sempiternal process, but the objectives put forth by George W. Bush and his administration seem logical and manageable in my eyes.

If I had a 10-page essay, perhaps I would indulge in detail why I feel this way, but for the time being I would like to dedicate a bit of my allotted space to the position taken by our current government, and that is one of freedom and security.

I'd like to make two quick points. First, I do not like to see men and women die, especially loved ones, but we must remember those who have enlisted knew what they were getting into when they signed by the "X." Similarly, we all know the risk of driving a car. With all good intentions, everyone on the road stays safe, but there is always a chance of a fatal accident. Call this analogy a stretch, but I promise each and every member of the armed forces was made aware of the possibility of being involved in risky action, including war, preceding enlistment. I deeply respect those individuals who have put their lives on the line by

volunteering to march on the front lines, down in the trenches and everywhere in between.

Secondly, war is sometimes a necessary endeavor. Whether or not one agrees with the premises underlying the current war is another topic. I find it hard to sympathize with those who feel war is never an option. Even in Biblical times, war was present and a part of God's will (see the story of Joshua). Read history books, and it will be made utterly apparent the importance of war in our nation's history.

Finally, I'd like to personally salute those Wartburg students who have been deployed. My prayers go out to you and your families and friends. The day Saddam Hussein is shown on television dead or held in allied captivity will be a day we can together join in celebration of national security.

In the name of freedom for the Iraqi people and world security, I, Matt Townsley, am proud to say George W. Bush is my president.

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**STILL HERE**—A television set still sits in a classroom in the Fine Arts Center after security caught two people attempting to steal it Friday.

## TV almost stolen from FAC

By NATE KERL  
Assistant Section Editor

An attempted theft occurred in the Fine Arts Center early Friday morning, according to Wartburg security.

John Myers, director of Wartburg security, said a routine closing of the FAC occurred at 1:15 a.m. Wartburg security locked rooms and headed upstairs where noises were heard. Turning the corner, Wartburg security spotted at least two students dragging a television out of Room 213 toward the nearest elevator.

When spotted by security officers, the students put the television down and fled the scene.

"It was just luck that we caught them. It wasn't good police work; we just happened to be closing," Myers said. "The television was screwed down, so you would have to have known what screwdriver was needed to take the television."

According to Myers, lights were off in the hallway. The only identification is a "young gentleman with dark hair and a backpack."

Wartburg security was a little later closing campus buildings Friday morning due to an unrelated call across campus. Normal locking time is 12:30 a.m.

"The doors to the building actually close earlier, so the subjects likely knew the hours and were hiding in the building," Myers said. "Since we were late, they might have assumed we were already closed up for the night."

Myers also mentioned a strange occurrence that happened after the incident.

"We had a student asking to use the multimedia classroom in the Communication Arts Center," he said. "They apparently said they needed to work on a speech. The security officer went down the hall to check if a faculty office was closed, turned around, and the student was gone."

Myers said he didn't think the student wasn't one of those involved with the television, but the person could have been involved in some manner. Wartburg security did not recognize the student asking to use the classroom.

"He could have been a student here, a high school student, we simply don't know," Myers said.

Any information about the incident can be forwarded to Wartburg security at Ext. 8353.

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**SPECIAL SERVICE**—Senior Itonde Kakoma, joined by freshman Nana Baah, junior Mercy Akomeah and freshman Felicia Acheampong, leads the congregation in song at the Culture Week Eucharist service Wednesday.

## Condom machines in Clinton Hall?

By CHELSEA KROHE  
Staff Writer

Clinton Hall council has proposed offering condoms in the residence hall bathrooms.

The letter sent to Student Senate said the consideration was made after "some council members had experienced other members of our residence hall on a condom hunt." Restroom stalls were chosen to provide the condoms because they "would be private enough to conceal students' identities," according to the council proposal.

A small fee would be required for the condoms, but the council are only looking to break even. The money collected would be used for the purchase of more condoms.

Drew Boxrud, a resident assistant in Clinton and the hall council adviser, said the goal is to make condoms more available for students, especially those who might be too shy to talk to the Health and Wellness Center.

The council asked for the help of Student Senate because of a policy that prohibits the distribution of condoms on campus from anywhere other than the Health and Wellness Center. The idea was met with mixed feelings when discussed in the Senate meeting Thursday.

Freshman Becky Townsley is opposed to the resolution. "Wartburg is a college of the church," she said. "We should not advocate sex."

Sophomore Angie Lucey has a different opinion.

"It's going to happen no matter what," she said. "The college might as well help students to be safe."

Nathan Eberline, the student body vice president, said the condom resolution is important to discuss. He encouraged students to talk to their representatives to enable Senate to make a decision on behalf of the students.

Boxrud said that students gave a positive response in an informal poll of Clinton students by the Hall Council. Freshman Kara Trebil didn't see a problem.

"People who choose to have sex will have sex whether condoms are available or not," she said. "It isn't promoting sex; it is promoting safe sex."

"This would create a supply [of condoms] for people who want it and want to be responsible," sophomore Matt Penning said.

"If it stops even one person from getting pregnant or contracting an STD, then it's worth it," sophomore Annie Olson said.

However, some senators were worried about students using the condoms for purposes other than they're intended for.

A move to postpone a decision on the proposal was accepted in the Senate meeting. Senate can only support the proposal; an actual change in the current policy has to be approved by the Board of Regents. Eberline said the board would have to consider all the issues surrounding the resolution, including financial commitment of the college for funding needed items like dispensers, how the dorms would be presented to prospective students and parents, and students' needs.

"I would like to think the board would be open-minded enough to examine the issue," Boxrud said.

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People light candles during an anti-war vigil in Antwerp, Belgium, Sunday, March 16, 2003. Cities worldwide held vigils in a call for peace and a diplomatic solution to the situation in Iraq. The statue is of Baron Lambermont, a past statesman of Belgium.

U.S. Marines of Lima Company, 1st Platoon, move into firing position as they get ready to secure a field in southern Iraq near Basra Saturday.  
AP Photo/Kuni Takahashi



## ABOUT FACE

**What do you think about the media's coverage of the war?**

**Adam Haight,** sophomore  
"I didn't like how they interviewed the family of the first American who was killed. It's like the press...didn't give them a chance to grieve."



**Beau Buchholz,** sophomore  
"We have two televisions in our room, and one of them is always on war coverage. I like the coverage, I think it's interesting because you can see more now than ever before."



**Jeanne Conlon,** residence hall director  
"I think they are doing a good job, but I don't know how accurate the coverage is. I have a brother over there, and CNN knows more than the troops do."



# WARTIME

Still has impact, although it's on the other side

By KATIE HARTMANN  
*Senior Writer*

As the combat in Iraq began, the effects of war are beginning to affect the faculty and staff have become concerned about the Middle East. Some are backing the war, while others are demanding peace.

The war effort is bombarding the campus into class discussions and sending many students want to know what is happening at Wartburg College?

### A summary of the war

The war on Iraq officially began on March 20. In the evening, officials announced that a transport helicopter crashed in the desert. All four crew members were Americans. Other casualties were reported.

The land war also began Tuesday morning, March 21, in Kuwait and southern Iraq for both sides.

President George W. Bush said that most nations now support the war against Iraq, including the United States, Britain, France and Germany, sending combat troops to the effort.

A number of protests have been held across the country, particularly in San Francisco, particularly, though, by students who have been pushing their cause around the world in the streets during rush hour.

"My concern is and has been the concepts of victory," said Dr. Michael T. O'Halloran, professor of political science. "Saddam and his regime pose no immediate threat. With a swift victory, we will incur political costs and humanitarian costs."

"What's going on shows people that conflict is an inescapable part of life," said Dr. Thomas J. Schelling, professor of political science. "That agrees with this war," Thomas said.

This fight against Iraq has already been fought from other wars.

"The support for the troops is strong," said Dr. Dan Walther, associate professor of political science.

During the Vietnam War, the U.S. government often lied to the military and often troops who were told the truth were ridiculed and put down. In this war, however, those who are willing to risk their lives to fight are willing to risk their lives to fight.

"This is a pre-emptive war. We are fighting it because our president thought it would be better than nothing," Thomas said.

"There's been a concern about the media coverage in comparison with others. Will it be quick and easy?" said Dr. Terence T. Teitelbaum, professor of history.

The amount of media coverage is different. During the Persian Gulf War, the U.S. government limited the amount of coverage, leaving the public in the dark on some of the war.

Currently, we are experiencing a free flow of information. Americans have found

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of the world

MAN and TINA HINZ  
and Staff Writer

last week, it became apparent that war was about to hit home. Wartburg students, who were concerned about the events in the Middle East, the United States' efforts in Iraq, and the way others stand neutral on the situation. We are watching our televisions, working its way through our loved ones miles away. Still, we ask ourselves: what does the war mean for us?

War began Wednesday and by Thursday night, there were the first casualties. A U.S. Marine unit was deployed to Kuwait, killing 16. Four of them were Americans. Other names have also been reported.

On Thursday, Troops headed through the desert to Baghdad. Wartburg students told the press last week that 400,000 troops were deployed against Iraq. Still, only three of these countries, the United States, Britain, and Australia, have committed troops.

Anti-war protests have been occurring across America. In many cities, thousands of anti-war demonstrators have reportedly created havoc.

Anti-war protest has been from the beginning. Dani Thomas, professor of history, said that his regime did not pose an immediate threat to the United States. "The cost of this war will be high," he said.

"The political world is changing. It creates an awareness of the war, but not everyone is aware of it," he said.

The war has already proved to be different.

"The political and military is different," said Dani Thomas, professor of history.

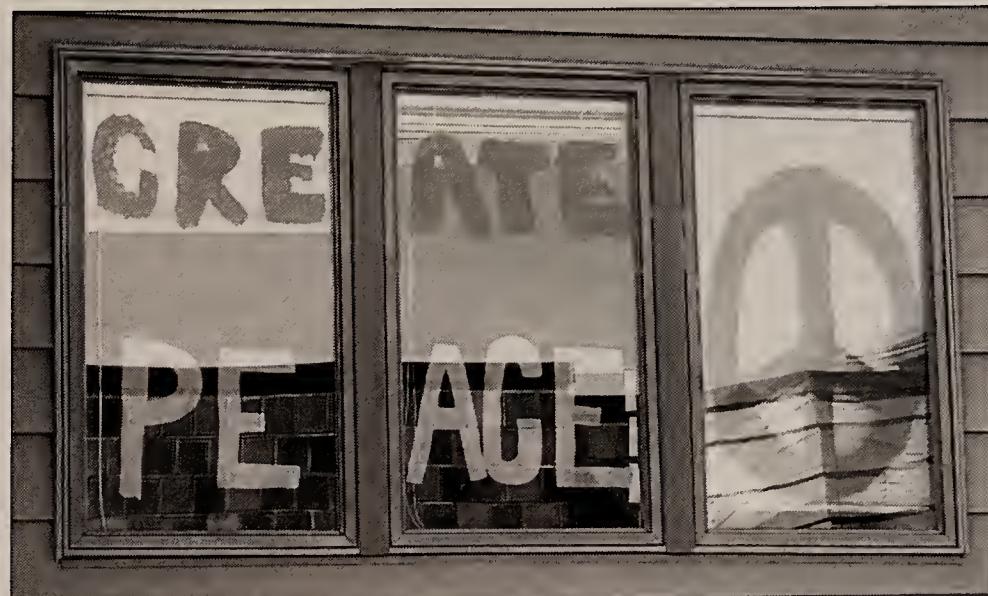
There was little support for the war. Those who fought for our country were those who supported the war with Iraq, even those who did not support the individuals who defend the United States.

"We (United States) started it because the risks of inaction were too great," he said.

But how this war will turn out is still unknown. It could be long and protracted or quick and decisive. Lindell, professor of history, said,

The coverage of the war is also similar to the Gulf War, the government and citizens were often left in the dark. Events.

Facing an overload of war news, people themselves glued to news



Junior Maggie Gibney, freshman Heather Burns, junior Liz Heuer and sophomore Amanda Truchinski express their anti-war views on their Cornells dorm window.

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

sources who are covering the war effort 24-7. The "Instant Information Age," where we are seeing this war as it happens, may have negative effects on viewers. The amount of news coverage may not only inform but also put a large amount of stress on Americans, especially families with children, spouses, etc. actively serving in the war.

"I've noticed that students and colleagues are certainly distracted by substantial news coverage about what's going on in the Gulf," Lindell said.

#### What can we do?

Although it is difficult not to become mesmerized with the events in the Middle East, it is important to stay informed and become involved.

Tonight, Wartburg College faculty, Dani Thomas, Fred Strickert, and Katherine Koob, along with Student Senate, will hold a discussion in Buckmaster Auditorium at 9:30 p.m.

"This discussion is to answer the question 'what does the war mean for me?'," Pastor Ramona Bouzard said.

Tonight also there will be a speaker on Iraq at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Waverly.

Bouzard is also collecting names of relatives, friends and students actively serving in the war.

Currently, three students have been called to active duty through their National Guard units. They are Jeff David of Essex, Ben Kalkwarf of Waterloo and Josh Strang of Parkersburg.

During chapel and Eucharist, prayers are offered for those involved, Bouzard said.

Student Senate is discussing the possibility of hanging a banner on the Wartburg campus where students can write the names of loved ones who are serving in active duty.

Another way to become involved with the war is to stay informed.

"It is easier to remain ignorant," Walther said. "It is easy to become isolated and, by not asking questions, in ways, we don't have to face the situation and ourselves. But it is our right, privilege and responsibility to ask questions and stay informed."

"We must respect diversity of opinions," Walther said. "It is okay to disagree, it will increase growth and understanding."

#### Security

Precautions on campus regarding a possible terrorist attack on American soil have been minimal so far. John Myers, director of campus security and safety, said that campus security is relying on recommendations from state authorities and local police departments.

"We may do such things as locking buildings earlier or having more security on duty," he said.

Myers mentioned that in case of attack, Wartburg would implement the emergency plan demonstrated by the timely disaster drill Tuesday.

"We'd actually planned that drill since last October, and it just so happened that the war started around the same time," he said.

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## Fast for peace to make 'strong statement'

By NATE KERL  
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A coalition of campus organizations has organized a fast in response to the U.S. declaration of war on Iraq. The fast occurs from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. (sunset to sunrise) and will continue until a cease-fire is declared between the two countries.

The idea of the protest is to provide an action that is a "passive, unobtrusive method of response, yet aggressive enough to make a strong statement," according to a press release issued by the coalition.

As part of the protest, a proposal has been submitted to Wartburg food services to reimburse students for their evening meal. If the proposal is accepted, funds from the evening meal will be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). LWR works with partners in 50 countries to help people grow food, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods and recover from disasters. LWR will then

forward the money to Iraqi refugee families who have been displaced.

Senior Itonde Kakoma said the fast is a way "to allow that absence to be filled with thoughts, possibly prayers."

"It strips you of routine, and that is the primary reason we are doing this; to form an awareness amongst the student body," Kakoma said. "I think it would be a powerful statement to fast among say 100 to 200 people that you know at every sunset with a specific purpose beyond themselves, upon persons who are not so comfortable in experiencing tragedy."

The secondary reason the groups are fasting is to contribute funds to Lutheran World Relief.

"By fasting you are saving money and we can contribute funds that we would typically spend on that meal and tangibly assist those that we are in solidarity with," Kakoma said.

This weekend several protesters took to the streets of major cities across the country

and worldwide. Kakoma describes this fast as a new way to deal.

"Such a thing allows a person to come together regardless of their political persuasion, and one who is anti-war can treat it as an anti-war protest. One who is pro-war can still recognize the tragedies that occur," Kakoma said. "It's a very constructive response."

The fast will include a nightly candlelight gathering from 9:30-10 p.m. in the area between Vogel Library and Luther Hall. The release states that "this time will allow us to focus our thoughts on the American troops and innocent civilians of Iraq."

All are welcomed and encouraged to attend the nightly gathering.

Those interested in the fast may e-mail their name and social security number to any of the following: itonde.kakoma, nicole.schmidt, ramona.bouzard or amanda.truchinski.

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**Eugene Thomas,**  
junior  
"There are a lot of different stations showing different broadcasters' views. People should be able to see what we are really doing in Iraq."



**Vladimir Illich,**  
junior  
"I think they are only showing one side of the war and people only know what CNN and other American television sources say."



**Marcia Rye,**  
sophomore  
"I think they are doing a good job of telling us what the military is doing, how they are doing it, and why, which is important because the nation is split."



**Jesse Sathre,**  
freshman  
"The coverage is good, but I'm getting sick of it because it's all you ever see."



# Senior exhibit shows art collections

By KACY BURG  
Senior Writer

An exhibit featuring the artwork of five senior art and communication design majors opened Wednesday at the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery in the Fine Arts Center.

Titled "Collection5," the exhibit features a collection of artwork that T.C. Burchers, Jordan Drackley, Emily Oliver, Steph Rasmussen and Mike Tye have done throughout their years at Wartburg.

Burchers said that the artwork represents the works they are most proud of.

"It's not only our best work but the work that best described who we are," he said.

The exhibit includes a wide variety of artwork, including promotional materials for Luther College, a photograph of bowling shoes, self-portrait paintings and a Web site about the novel series "Wheel of Time."

Drackley said that this variety demonstrates the different ways people think.

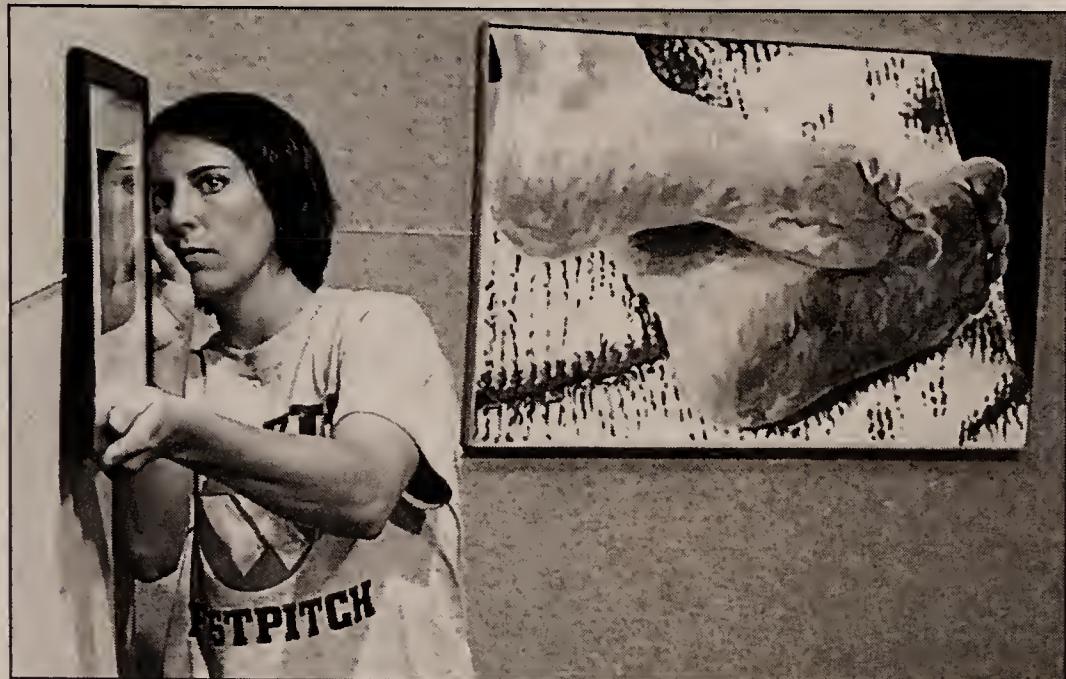
"It's fun to see the culmination of our best works and see how far we've grown together as artists," she said. "Our gallery is neat because there are so many different kinds of media. This wide variety shows how differently we express ourselves."

Oliver said the exhibition brings together many of the things they've learned and accomplished during their years at Wartburg.

"It's a great way for us as seniors to share what we've done with the public," she said. "It was a great 'last hurrah' for the five of us to work on something together. It was definitely a team effort."

"Collection5" will be exhibited until April 17 and is the first of two senior art exhibits the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery will host this year. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and admission is free.

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**KEEPING HER EYE ON THE WALL**—Senior Steph Rasmussen hangs her photograph in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery Monday in preparation for the first of two senior art exhibits. "Collection5" will show through April 17.

## Education majors have to be students and teachers

By CRISSY BERLIN  
Staff Writer

Student teaching gives education majors the chance to experience their chosen field. They are required to spend one semester student teaching, usually in their senior year, but students can choose what semester they teach based on their schedules.

Dr. Diane McCarty, associate professor of education, said there are pros and cons to each semester.

"When student teachers begin the school year, they see the work necessary to set up a classroom as well as the ways the teacher begins assessing needs of children," she

said. "The student teachers who participate second semester can benefit by participating in a setting where routines are already established, and learning is progressing at a steady pace by this time."

Student teachers live with other students, pay tuition and have to earn credits as though they were taking classes, but they also have a full-time job. They plan lessons, run the classroom and work 40-hour weeks.

Some obstacles they face include transportation, finding their own lunch and adjusting to the early schedule.

Since most of the placements of students are within a 30-mile radius, students must provide their own transportation. Participating schools include Charles City,

Waterloo, Plainfield, Nashua, Waverly, Cedar Falls, Clarksville, Shell Rock, Janesville, Tripoli, Denver, Allison and Wapsie Valley. The only location currently available for students outside of Iowa is in Denver, Colo., but a few exceptions have been made for married students or other extenuating circumstances.

As for adjusting to the early schedule, it's something that comes with the territory. Senior elementary education major Terri Huber said she only saw campus when it was dark.

"It was tougher to make the adjustment from being a teacher to a college student again," she said.

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# Success no stranger to seniors

By JOSHUA SMOthers  
Sports Editor

You don't necessarily need God-given athletic ability to be a part of the Wartburg College track and field program.

However, a few self-imposed requirements have been hinted at for the 2003 season, such as possessing determination, optimism, encouragement and having fun.

The five seniors on this season's women's track squad—a squad that is the six-time defending indoor and three-time defending outdoor conference champions—have set high individual and team goals and are settling for nothing less than their best.

"As always, we are looking to win indoor and outdoor conference," said All-American co-captain Deanna Olson. "We want to finish in the top five nationally indoors and in the top two outdoors."

"As a team, I want us to completely dominate both indoor and outdoor conference," said fellow co-captain Tara Bruck. "I also want us to come together more off the track and run competitively at the national meets."

All the talk of national finishes is nothing new to the women's program. They are seeking a top 10 finish at the national outdoor meet for their third season in a row.

This season's sixth-place finish at indoor nationals tied the highest finish by the program in school history.

Megan Pagel and Gretchen Graham, two other co-captains and Kristin Steffens are the remaining seniors on this season's squad.

Amidst the team accolades over the past few seasons, each member's individual résumé is loaded with impressive credentials. All-American and all-conference honors at Wartburg as well as Drake Relays and state meet appearances in high school litter these lists.

Speaking of résumés, track and field is not the only area where these talented seniors excel. These females post a B-average or higher in the classroom and have tentative plans after graduation in May. Their fields of study range from biology to marketing to elementary education and are main reasons for their decisions to attend Wartburg.

"My older sister ran track here, so I was familiar with the college itself and the track team," Olson said. "What also led me here was Wartburg's reputation for its education program."

Don't be fooled, though. If the dominance in their sport and high marks in the classroom seems like all work and no play, you're sadly mistaken. An integral element

of the track and field season involves excessive amounts of fun, and each member displays their own individual quirks.

Whether it's Pagel who gets her hair braided by a friend before every meet, Olson who has worn a now-ragged gray shirt and thermal to every competition or others like Graham who eat the same meal before each meet, individuality runs deep through the women's team. Ironically enough, it's also a crucial factor in the team's cohesiveness and family atmosphere.

"Although we're all a little different, I have formed incredible bonds with my teammates, and they make me better," Bruck said. "I enjoy running and our continued success, but I look forward to every practice because that's where I spend time with my 'family' every day."

"Our team is what separates us from other programs because we enjoy each other and hang out on and off the track," Olson added. "We succeed because of each other and it's important to know that I have 100 people cheering me on every time I get in the blocks."

And as for the man in charge? Head coach Marcus Newsom, in his fifth season at the helm of the Wartburg program, is anything but a reserved coach. His energy and positive attitude, along with the rest of the coaching staff, reflects upon his team's success, according to the seniors.

"Coach Newsom and Johnson have made me a better runner than I would ever thought possible," Graham said. "They keep me positive at all times and I'm going to miss their split calling on the track and coach Newsom yelling 'You got to go!'"

"Every day the coaches encourage us and push us to do our best and teach us that failure happens to the best of us and to get better one day at a time," said the All-American Pagel. "Newsom and (assistant coach Steve) Johnson are great at what they do. Their love for running and people in general is what makes them special."

As these seniors help guide and captain a highly talented squad to national meets, they continue to strictly follow the only team rule implemented for this season: Do what is right.



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**GIVE IT A WHIRL**—Wartburg's Megan Pagel, one of five seniors on the women's track and field squad, finished in eighth place in the weight throw at the 2003 NCAA Division III National Indoor Championships, earning All-American status.

## Season remains at .500

Wartburg gained its third win in its last four Iowa Conference men's tennis duals, stopping Cornell College 4-3 in Mount Vernon Saturday.

The win was part of a double dual split for the Knights (4-4) as St. Ambrose University took a 7-0 non-conference win in the team's second match-up.

Two of three doubles wins sparked the victory over the host Rams. Sophomores Blake Flores and Vedran Solaja and sophomore Matt Connell and senior John Barclay won at No. 2 and 3, respectively, with Flores and Solaja needing a tiebreaker situation for a 9-7 decision.

Solaja completed a perfect dual after winning a 13-11 tiebreaker from Zack Heindel at No. 4 singles, coming after Solaja fell 6-3 in the first set and won the

second set 6-2.

The Knights split with the Rams in singles action, each winning three matches. In addition to Sojaja's win, Flores (No. 2) and Connell (No. 6) were victorious.

The lone highlight in the loss to the Bees was a No. 1 doubles win for junior Nick Schauf and sophomore Mark Giesmann.

Although St. Ambrose took every singles match, freshman Nick Wuertz at No. 6 came closest to a victory, losing 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) to Nate Lensing.

Second-year head coach Jim Willis and his Knights are in action Wednesday as they host Simpson College at 4 p.m. The team travels to Dubuque Saturday for a match against Loras College at 10 a.m.

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# SPORTS

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# New coach, more wins

A coaching change did not stop the Wartburg softball team from attaining more wins during its continuation of the 2003 campaign.

With new interim head coach Rick Willis—Wartburg head football coach—the softball squad went 4-0 at the Simpson Classic a little more than a week after the early-season resignation of former head coach Randy Schneider.

Sunday, the Knights benefited from a two-hit, two-RBI performance from junior Carrie Clement in a 5-1 win over Lakeland College. In the second game of the afternoon, senior pitcher Steph Rasmussen struck out five and walked one in a 2-0 shutout of Monmouth College.

The wins moved Wartburg's season record to 13-

4. The Knights are riding a seven-game winning streak.

A five-run rally in the top of the sixth and a four-hit shutout from Rasmussen lifted Wartburg to two wins in day one of the Simpson Storm softball Classic Saturday. The Knights earned 5-2 victory over Gustavus Adolphus and blanked St. Scholastica 7-0.

Freshman Ranae Vomacka tied the match-up with the Gusties at 2-2 with a two-run single to kick off Wartburg's big inning. Sophomore infielder Cindy Hanneman brought in the eventual game-winner with a single, and Clement got two home with a hit and a Gustavus error. Junior Kelly Watkins took the pitching decision, striking out five in a complete-game effort.

The opener was all Orange and Black. Three runs in the third and four in the sixth were more than enough for Rasmussen. The senior struck out five in the win.

Wartburg's offense was paced by junior catcher Heather Winter and freshman outfielder Deb Schindler. The duo, batting two and three in the Knights' order, each homered and were a combined 4-for-8 with five RBIs.

During the Knight's season-opening winter trip to Tuscon, Ariz., numerous marks were set.

Schneider recorded his 100th and final career win in a defeat over Elizabethtown College of Pennsylvania March 7, the Knights' last game of the trip south.

Rasmussen set career marks of her own during the opening day of action in Arizona. In a 2-1 victory over Briar Cliff College, the senior collected her 42nd career win and became Wartburg's all-time leader for pitching decisions. She struck out 15 Chargers, setting a school record for single-game strike outs.

The Knights are in action this weekend as they travel to St. Louis, Mo., for the Washington University Tournament. St. Mary's (Minn.), MacMurray College and Blackburn College will all challenge the Knights in their last bout with non-conference opponents.

Wartburg opens its Iowa Conference season April 3 against Simpson College in Waverly.



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**CONNECTION**—Wartburg senior infielder Kathy Voss connects with a pitch during the Knights' season-opening winter trip to Tuscon, Ariz., March 3-7.



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**PICTURE-PERFECT FORM**—Wartburg senior pitcher Steph Rasmussen recorded her 42nd victory in Tuscon, Ariz., with a 2-1 defeat of Briar Cliff College during Wartburg's winter trip. With the win, she set a school record for career pitching decisions. The Knights also concluded the trip south with a 9-4 record to start the season.

## RANTS AND RAVES with *The Guy*

# Risky business



**Joshua Smothers**  
*Sports Editor*

Amidst the scandals and murky issues surrounding Division I athletics over the past few months, I was glad to be attending Wartburg, not having to worry about cover-ups, coach and president firings or players receiving money or having transcripts fixed.

However, the recent resignation of Wartburg softball head coach Randy Schneider has brought rumors and speculation flooding our small campus.

Students and faculty who hardly know what a sacrifice bunt is have sacrificed their credibility and reputation to spread rumors they know may be untruthful. But it's understandable, because here at Wartburg, we live in our own little world. Gossiping and prying to attain personal information might as well be a required course toward graduation. We all do it. Hearing of the misfortunes of others seems to give us some sort of satisfaction. It's sick.

I'm as guilty as the next person when it comes to reeling in hearsay—I'll admit that. I've gotten some great insight on the fishy situation over the short span of a week. The great divide among team members regarding Schneider's decision to resign has become rather interesting.

Schneider resigned to spend time with his family, according to a statement released by Wartburg March 13. Although he and his wife have a 2-year-old and another child on the way, why would the Shell Rock resident need to spend even more time with his family when he lives so close and had a father, Terry, who was an assistant coach?

If he feels compelled to be in a position to give his kids the utmost attention they need, then I'm all for it. You've got to respect a man who gives up the profession he loves so dearly to care for his family.

However, much of the Wartburg world still wonders if this is the real reason he decided to leave such a successful program when he'd guided them to two straight post-season regional qualifying tournaments in the last two seasons. Names being withheld, numerous players who have played for Schneider have told me he was forced out and possibly fired from his helm.

Why do players tell me he was forced out and administration tells me he resigned on his own? It's a situation that indeed warrants some sort of investigation.

But why would a statement released by the college be false—especially a college of the church, where lying is the ultimate sin? Is our administration somehow immune to Wartburg's prestigious honor code? We're supposed to put our faith into the church and the decisions our school makes, but if we're being fed false information (lies), that's a bit hard to do.

Heck, I've even heard rumors from freshman know-it-alls as ludicrous as Schneider's leaving because he wasn't happy with his team's performance. If happiness doesn't go hand in hand with a .724 career winning percentage, I don't know what does.

I've even heard through the grapevine he was forced out because players felt uncomfortable and even violated by his eccentric and overly enthusiastic style of coaching. The solution here is simple: If you can't take the heat, take a seat. Better yet, get out of the dugout. A coach should never have to conform to a player's desires if they are uneasy with their performance being critiqued.

I'm sure much more scuttlebutt will make its way through the Wartburg community before the end of the year, and it won't necessarily be pretty.

I've heard so much hearsay lately that my mind is boggled. It's hard to take sides with players professing one thing and administration stating another. However, it's extremely hard not to agree with the girls who played for Schneider—that something happened leading to his "resignation."

If the truth is being hidden, let it be known.

One thing that holds true throughout all of this madness is Schneider's passion for winning and his commitment to his team. Having so much potential at such a young age, and with so many wins already in the bag, don't be surprised to see Schneider's winning tactics continue with college softball somewhere else down the road.

Success and leadership are things that cannot be contained or extinguished.